useful, whereas about 17% as somewhat useful. However, remaining 4% projects are not found useful.

The above findings of concurrent evaluation should be regarded as more reliable for the reason that these studies are based on reasonably large samples collected uniformally throughout the country by independent research institutions at periodical intervals. On the otherhand, the reports referred to in the newspaper are merely a collection of negative findings of a number of studies undertaken at different point of time on varying types of samples for different regions following different methodologies; these reports do not bring out the positive features referred to by the very same studies.

The State-wise details about main indices of implementation of IRDP and NREP as brought out by Concurrent Evaluation may be seen at Annexure. [*see* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No.95].

Abolition of lease-hold system

*226. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to abolish lease-hold system for all properties constructed on land measuring upto 500 sq. yards in the Capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry was directed sometimes in 1988 to prepare the modalities for converting the lease-hold properties into free-hold ones after fixing certain conversion charges; and

(c) if so, the final outcome in the matter and the reasons for delay in such a matter of general public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) A proposal regarding conversion of leasehold system in Delhi into freed hold under consideration. A decision in this regard is likely to be taken shortly.

Houses for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

*227. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any scheme to provide houses to persons from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes are being implemented both in the urban and rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details of the urban and rural areas in Orissa where houses are being provided to the poor SC and ST under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Union Government have operated Indira Awas Yojana since 1985 as a Central Sector Scheme to provide shelter specifically to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labours in the rural areas. The salient features of the scheme are as follows

(i) Dwelling units including infrastructure facilities are provided free of cost;

(ii) Assistance to the extent of Rs. 6000/- for plain areas and Rs. 7800/- for hill and difficult areas is available under the Yojana;